

TWELVE MILLS FOR SCHOOLS

TAXPAYERS MEETING LEVIES TAX OF TEN MILLS—TWO MILLS PREVIOUSLY LEVIED FOR INTEREST BRINGS TOTAL 12 MILLS.

The meeting called last night for the levying of a tax for school purposes, for the coming year, was attended by some of the most prominent citizens of the city, and good nature prevailed throughout its session.

The clerk read the minutes of the meeting of last December, and the meetings of April 16th and June 17th of this year. The minutes were adopted as read.

The following report of the board of directors with their recommendations, by G. Holmes, chairman of the board, was read:

Astoria, Or., Dec. 17, 1907.
To the Taxpayers of School District No. 1, of Clatsop County, Oregon:

The board of directors of this district are pleased to report that the past year has been one of success in regard to school matters, and that the schools of the city are now in a very prosperous condition. At the present time, the enrollment is 1383, and the district employs a corps of thirty-six teachers.

On December 1st, just passed, there was a cash balance on hand of \$12,910.36 above all outstanding warrants, which is \$3353.11 more than the balance of this time last year; thus it can be seen that the finances of the district are in very good shape.

During the last school year, it became apparent to the board that conditions were such as to demand the purchase of lot 4, block 19, Port of Upper Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, and the building of a two-room addition to the Adair school and a four-room addition to the Taylor school. Under these conditions, the board decided to call a special meeting of the taxpayers and legal voters of the district for April 16, 1907, in order that the matter might be laid before the residents of the district, and authority granted to the board to borrow money on behalf of, and in the name of the district, for the purpose of carrying forward the above named improvements.

At the special meeting, of the taxpayers of the district held on the afore said date, authority was given the board to borrow money for the above-named purposes, not to exceed \$20,000, and to issue warrants for the same.

The board then purchased lot 4, block 19, Port of Upper Astoria, the same being a corner lot adjoining the Adair school property. The total cost of this lot was \$2482.40.

Bids were then called for the construction of a two-room addition to the Adair school building, and for the heating of the same, and for the construction of a four-room addition to the Taylor school and the heating of the entire building.

After considering the entire cost of the buildings and repairs, and the purchase of real estate, the board decided to issue and sell warrants of the district, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, to the amount of \$10,000 to procure money for the purposes above set forth.

These warrants fall due as follows: \$3000 on November 1, 1908; \$4000 on November 1, 1909; \$4000 on November 1, 1911; and \$4000 on November 1, 1912.

To meet the interest on all these warrants and to take up those falling due on November 1, 1908, a special tax of two mills was levied on the taxable property of this district.

The indebtedness of the district at the present time is as follows:

Bonds due July 1, 1921.....	\$ 5,000
Bonds due Dec. 1, 1912.....	12,000
Bonds optional after Aug. 1, 1913	35,000
Bonds optional after Dec. 1, 1904	7,000
Bonds optional after Apr. 1, 1905	12,000
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1908.....	3,000
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1909.....	4,000
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1910.....	4,000
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1911.....	4,000
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1912.....	4,000
Total.....	\$90,000

In the matter of heating the Taylor school, the board decided to place in that building, the McPherson Heating and Ventilating System, which is somewhat of a departure from the systems employed in the other schools of the city. It has proven eminently successful both in regard to economy and in regard to satisfactory results in the heating and ventilating of the school rooms.

The estimates of income and expenditure for the coming year as set forth in the clerk's report, show an estimated income of \$56,541.54, and an estimated expenditure of \$50,100, thus leaving an estimated balance at the end of the year of \$6,441.54, which may be used to meet emergencies that may arise.

This estimate of income is based on a special levy of 2 mills for meeting interest on warrants and paying warrants due on Nov. 1, 1908, 2 mills for building and repair, and 6 mills for general school purposes, making a total levy of 10 mills for this school district.

Believing the said estimate to be sufficient for the maintenance of the schools of this district for one year, the board of directors recommend a tax

levy of 2 mills for the payment of interest on warrants and the taking up of warrants due Nov. 1, 1908; 2 mills for building and repairs, and 6 mills for general school purposes, or a total levy of 10 mills for this district.

A motion was made that the report of the directors be approved, and the suggestions therein be adopted.

J. S. McCue, representing the teachers of the district, made a plea for an increase in salaries and, in a logical, well formed statement, called the attention of those present to the need of providing, in the levy, for an amount that would enable the directors to make an increase of 15 per cent or 20 per cent in present salaries. He then moved that a levy of 2 mills be made for the purpose and that the directors' report be amended so as to provide this levy, specially for the increase of salaries. The motion was seconded by Thos. Dealey, and was carried without a dissenting vote. The clerk's report was then read and the meeting adjourned.

The 2 mill levy for increase of salaries will bring in \$4160 and as the payroll amounts to about \$22,500 per year a 15 per cent increase can be granted.

The unanimity of sentiment expressed at the meeting was noticeable, and had much to do with the rapid transaction of the business, for which the meeting was called.

Star Theater

PROGRAM
FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 1907.

Overture.....Ida Durling
McINTIRE & BENNETT
In a comedy sketch entitled: "Down to Riley's." (Change Thursday)

Illustrated Song by
DICK HUTCHINS
Singing: "The Moon Has His Eyes on You." Change Thursday, "I Am Trying so Hard to Forget You."

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